

Table 4. Characteristics of Women Receiving Child Support Payments: 1988

Characteristic of women receiving support payments	Number of women (thous.)	Annual child support payments		Annualized family income	
		Mean	Standard error	Mean	Standard error
Women, 18 to 64 years old	76,645	(X)	(X)	\$39,906	\$746
Supposed to receive child support	4,606	(X)	(X)	26,566	1,167
Actually received child support	3,626	\$2,593	\$155	27,502	1,343
Race and Hispanic origin:					
White	3,045	2,734	178	28,824	1,485
Black	523	1,864	240	17,686	2,131
Hispanic origin ¹	228	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Age:					
18 to 24 years	210	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
25 to 44 years	3,065	2,560	144	27,216	1,401
45 to 64 years	351	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Marital status:					
Married, spouse present	996	2,121	149	43,177	3,017
Separated ²	487	2,688	392	18,019	1,664
Widowed	19	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Divorced	1,801	2,980	274	23,562	1,636
Never married	324	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Years of school completed:					
Less than high school	525	2,052	294	16,348	2,150
High school	1,492	2,370	215	27,341	2,158
College: 1 to 3 years	1,053	2,473	209	25,826	2,102
4 years or more	556	3,931	644	41,642	4,064
Employment status:					
In labor force	2,873	2,706	183	29,908	1,561
With a job	2,712	2,768	192	31,044	1,615
Worked all weeks last month	2,530	2,821	200	31,801	1,697
Worked part of last month	182	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Without a job, looking for work, on layoff	162	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Not in labor force	753	2,160	264	18,321	2,175
Frequency of payments:					
Regular	2,806	3,000	190	28,083	1,400
Occasional	453	1,513	173	28,294	5,350
Seldom	293	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Never	74	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Type of agreement:					
Court-ordered	2,972	2,533	178	28,285	1,567
Other	654	2,867	294	23,948	2,119
Payments received:					
Directly from father	1,629	3,086	297	31,054	2,026
Through a court	1,469	2,156	148	26,318	2,203
Through a welfare agency	334	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Some other method	195	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)

X Not applicable. B Base too small to show derived measures.

¹Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

²Includes married, spouse absent.

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